

Amendments to the Claims

The current listing of the claims replaces all previous listings and amendments of the claims.

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1.-14. (Canceled)

(114)  
15. (Currently Amended) Earpiece for behind-the-ear parts of hearing acoustics devices, ~~by which a signal conductor that comes from a BTE device can be positioned in an auditory canal, wherein the earpiece is individually configured to a patient's anatomy and including comprising:~~

~~a part configured to provide a hold essentially having a shape of a clip, configured to follow an outer edge of the a patient's cavum conchae in an arc shape, at least in segments, wherein a shank that follows the adapted to follow an outer edge of the a patient's cavum conchae makes a transition, above the patient's antitragus, into;~~

(15); (15, page 6, line 4, last para)  
~~an angled traverse segment that passes through the cavum conchae, which runs connected with the shank and configured to be disposed above the patient's antitragus and to extend in a direction of the patient's porus acusticus externus, and broadens; and~~

(20) <sup>acoustic device</sup>  
~~a broadened portion disposed on the angled traverse segment configured to hold the a signal conductor at its end segment, which comes to rest in an upper region of the patient's auditory canal and to prevent the signal conductor from covering a portion of a lower region of the patient's auditory canal.~~  
<sup>acoustic device such as h.2. inherently has a signal conductor i.e. electrical wire for carrying elect. circuitry</sup>  
<sup>sound tube</sup>

16. (Currently Amended) Earpiece according to Claim 15, [wherein the further comprising:

a flexible signal conductor is flexible and the BTE device is a sound tube disposed in the broadened portion.

17. (Currently Amended) Earpiece according to Claim 15, wherein the ~~end segment makes a transition to~~ broadened portion includes an auditory canal tab ~~that also comes to rest~~ configured to be disposed only in a ~~top~~ upper region of the patient's auditory canal.

B2 18. (Currently Amended) Earpiece according to Claim 17, wherein the auditory canal tab ~~has~~ comprises structure defining a bore configured to hold the signal conductor. 0

19. (Currently Amended) Earpiece according to Claim 17, wherein the auditory canal tab has a diameter that ~~makes up only a fraction of~~ is less than a diameter of the patient's auditory canal.

20. (Currently Amended) Earpiece according to Claim 15, wherein the shank ~~that follows the outer edge of the cavum conchae runs beyond an angled location for the traverse segment, along the patient's anthelix, and forms an additional~~ comprises a <sup>(this portion of 15 that extend below 20 & 34)</sup> second shank there connecting with the angled traverse segment and extending in an opposite direction to the shank, the second shank configured to follow the outer edge of the patient's cavum conchae.

21. (Currently Amended) Earpiece according to Claim 20, wherein the ~~additional~~ second shank is extended adapted to extend to a location behind the patient's antitragus.

22.-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) Earpiece according to Claim 15, wherein the at least one of the shank, the angled traverse segment, and the broadened portion is adapted for use with cochlear implant microphones or, CI BTE processors, with and BTE tinnitus systems. ✓

31. (Canceled)